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## FRAUD IN AIKEN.

### EVIDENCE OF IRREGULARITY IN AIKEN COUNTY.

Committee Passes Resolution Saying That Result Could Not Be Materially Affected by Irregularities Found.

Aiken, Sept. 3.—With his coat off and his sleeves rolled up, Horace M. Cassells of Ellenton stood up and for four hours today presented before the Democratic executive committee of Aiken evidence that last Tuesday's primary, so far as several boxes are concerned, was attended by fraud and corruption. With Blease supporters overwhelmingly in majority on the committee, with only one outspoken supporter in his fight, Mr. Cassells, a man whose word is his bond, won the admiration of many who attended the session of the committee. At 10 o'clock, when Chairman Dave Wise called the meeting to order, there were only 15 members present, 17 being necessary to a quorum. Nearly one hour later two other members were rounded up and the committee got down to work. Aiken being one of the counties in which fraud was alleged, and one of the counties named in Judge Jones' protest, it is pertinent to remark that more than three-fourths of the committeemen who acted upon the evidence produced by Mr. Cassells, like the chairman, are Blease men. The fact was partially attested at the close of the meeting when Leon J. Williams, who fought with Mr. Cassells throughout the four hours, attempted to have a resolution adopted which, while not against the candidacy of Gov. Blease, was not in his favor, the resolution was voted down by 10 to 5, two of the committeemen not voting. The session was conducted with little regard to rules. One man, not a member of the committee, was permitted to take prominent part. That was L. M. C. Oliver, who was appointed by Gov. Blease to fill an unexpired term as clerk of the court in the recent election, was overwhelmingly defeated. But for the persistency of Mr. Cassells in bringing forth his evidence the session would not have lasted half an hour. There were also many sharp personal clashes on the floor between members and much disorder.

After Mr. Cassells' evidence was all in and it was shown by affidavits and by personal witnesses that fraud was practiced at half dozen boxes, and more votes found registered than there were names on the poll lists, a resolution, introduced by Eugene Buckingham of Ellenton, a Blease man, to the effect that "we find no irregularities nor evidence of fraud that would materially affect the result of the election" was carried. This resolution was offered as a substitute to the one offered by Mr. Williams, which was lost.

Mr. Williams, who is a nephew of Senator Tillman, had previously addressed the committee, urging that it go on record as asking the State executive committee to revise the primary rules. The present rules, he said, were made 36 years ago to meet conditions then. They have outlived their usefulness. At the close of the meeting he addressed the committee again, begging that the committee put themselves and their consciences right, asking them why, as they knew the election had not been clean and fair, it should not be respected. He said he felt it the duty of the committee to ask that the State executive committee rule it a nullity and require another election that the will of the people might be registered. He then introduced the resolution on which the fight of the day was made. It was in effect that an appeal be made to the State executive committee for protection from fraud in other counties and asking that body to declare the election last Tuesday a nullity unless the count in other counties is proved to be fair and honest.

The effect of this proposition was like the stirring up of a hornet's nest. Immediately Eugene Buckingham was on his feet and in an impassioned appeal begged that no such resolution be passed. He moved that it be tabled. It was tabled. His substitute was adopted.

At the beginning of the meeting when Mr. Cassells appeared with a handful of papers, Solicitor Robert L. Gunter, attorney for Gov. Blease and one of the governor's appointees, took the position that no protests could be filed today, that the committee met last week for that purpose, and that any evidence which Mr. Cassells had must apply only to

## SPECULATION IN COTTON.

### SHARP BREAK FOLLOWED SENSATIONAL EARLY ADVANCE.

Last Prices Were 31 to 35 Points Up From Friday's Close, With Tone Firm.

New York, Sept. 3.—The cotton market was exceedingly active and exciting today and while a sensational early advance was followed by a very sharp break right after the opening of the government report, the market closing firm at a net gain of from 31 to 35 points as compared with the final figures of last Friday.

The market opened firm at an advance of 14 to 23 points and before the government report was issued sold from 39 to 41 points above the closing of the last week on general covering and buying by leading trade interests. Relatively steady Liverpool cables and numerous reports of crop deterioration as a result of dry, hot weather both in the Eastern belt and in South Texas, seemed to alarm shorts who had carried their commitments over the holidays and the buying for scattering account was very urgent on the advance.

After selling up to 11.28 for December contracts the market hesitated and reacted a few points late in the forenoon as a result of releasing but no setback of importance occurred until the actual publication of the government's condition figures. The average of 74.8 comparing with 76.5 last month; 73.2 last year and the 10 years average of 73.7 appeared to be fully as bearish as had been anticipated and inside of 10 minutes after the report was issued the market showed a break of about 30 points from the best under renewed liquidation of local bear pressure. A very big demand was encountered on this setback to within nine or 10 points of Friday's closing figures and as soon as the first rush of selling orders had been executed the market again firmed up, closing within 6 or 7 points of the best. Brokers who had been prominent sellers in the recent decline of nearly \$12 per bale figured as heavy buyers during today's trading and local operators attributed the strength of the market to a feeling that the government report had been fully discounted.

### GUARD J. D.'S ESTATE.

Several Robberies Have Been Made at Pocantico Recently.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Sept. 4.—The private detectives who have been keeping a close watch over the John D. Rockefeller estate at Pocantico Hills have been equipped with a squad of watch dogs which will assist them in pursuing the Italian bandits responsible for the recent hold-ups and petty crimes on the estate.

All trains arriving here from New York are being scrutinized by the detectives who believe that the hold-up men have summoned assistance from friends in that city.

Forty-three bales of cotton were sold on the local market Wednesday.

protests already filed or it could not be offered. Mr. Cassells insisted upon the reading of the instructions from John Gary Evans to the county chairman and the resolution adopted by the State executive committee. Mr. Gunter insisted that no new matter could be gone into, but was overruled when Mr. Cassells replied that he was there to abide only by the resolution of the State executive committee, which was plain. He did not know whether the committee would obey instructions or not, he said, but he pointed out that the county chairman was directed to get all the evidence he could and he was there to see that he got some evidence. The Blease men then undertook to fight Mr. Cassells on points of parliamentary law but he fought them down, and when he stated that his protests applied not to one box, but to the whole county, Dr. L. B. Etheredge of Wagener, a Blease man and a former legislator, sprang to his feet and cried heatedly that he was here to represent the people. Wagener declared that any man who stated there were irregularities at the Wagener box "is a liar and an infernal skunk."

"I will stand on the toes of any man who says that and tell him to his teeth the other thing," he cried, before friends could remind him that neither Mr. Cassells nor any one else had charged anything concerning him or his box.

## FRAUD IN ANDERSON.

### SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATING ALLEGED ELECTION IRREGULARITIES.

Believes That Full Investigation Will Reveal That 500 Votes Have Been Cast Illegally.

Anderson, Sept. 4.—The subcommittee of the county executive committee appointed to hear testimony concerning charges of fraud in the election met again today, following alleged irregularities were aired: That Frank Cowan, a resident of Georgia, voted in Ward 5, this city; that S. T. M. Gordon, who moved into South Carolina during the present year, voted at Gluck mill; that the name of J. L. Ivester was put on the Gluck mill club roll on election day; that J. C. McLain, who moved here from Georgia during the year, voted at Gluck mill; that S. M. M. Dill, a Republican, voted at Belton; that A. C. Griffin voted in Belton as W. T. Griffin; that the name of A. O. Lewis was put on the club roll on election day; that five State tickets were cast in the Hunter Springs county box and counted as legal ballots; that several State tickets were cast in Martin county box and were counted as legal ballots; that C. M. Simmons, a minor, voted in Ward 6, this city; that A. E. Scott, E. E. Scheid and E. A. Rampey, reputed to be Republicans, voted in Ward 6; that Joe Herneck, an unnaturalized citizen, voted in Ward 6; that two unnaturalized citizens voted in Hunter Springs box; that the name of G. W. Wright appears twice on the Concrete box polling list, while it does not appear on the club roll; that the name of W. J. Reece appears on the Pelzer club roll once and on the polling list twice; that only 33 of the 33 club rolls have been turned over to the subcommittee, and of these only six are certified to by the presidents and secretaries of the clubs.

B. F. Martin, attorney for the State executive committee, stated that on examination it was found that 10 or 12 names appeared on the Iva polling list that did not appear on the club roll. He said that he had had time to examine only this box and that he thinks more time should be given so that a thorough investigation of all boxes can be made. In making a motion that more time be given for the investigation, Mr. Martin stated that enough has come out to indicate that 500 or more fraudulent votes were cast in Anderson county. Mr. Martin's motion will be acted upon by the county executive committee at its meeting tomorrow morning. The testimony heard by the subcommittee will be submitted to the county committee at that time. K. P. Smith represented Gov. Blease. The subcommittee is composed of Leon L. Rice, chairman; W. H. Canfield, T. H. Burris, C. M. Robbins and John A. Hayes.

### ALSO IN GREENWOOD.

Many Cases of Irregularity and Some of Fraud Have Been Discovered, It Is Known.

Greenwood, Sept. 4.—After holding a three-day session this week, following its preliminary meeting last week, the Greenwood county executive committee adjourned this evening and forwarded its report to the State executive committee in Columbia.

The committee did not give out its findings, but it is known that many cases of irregularities and some cases of fraud were found. One member said there were clearly over 150 fraudulent votes cast in this county. The box at Grenola had 24 more votes than its poll list called for, the box at Grendell mills had 18 more than its poll list and the box at Yeldell had ten too many. All these were strong Blease boxes. Some of the county contests were very close and these surplus votes would affect the general result most vitally. When the committee first met no one suspected anything of the sort, as it was believed that Greenwood county was free from the taint of fraud.

The committee has gone into the matter thoroughly and exhaustively; every box has been canvassed and the poll lists and club rolls have been compared.

### ILLEGALITY IN DARLINGTON.

County Executive Committee Finds Numerous Irregularities—Fifty-seven at One Polling Place.

Darlington, Sept. 4.—The work of the county executive committee in recounting the vote cast in the recent primary, and in checking over the club list with the poll list of the different polls, was completed last night

## TAFT ON VERMONT RESULT.

### "ENCOURAGING" IS REPORTED COMMENT OF PRESIDENT.

His Optimism, However, Apparently Not Shared by Other Republican Leaders—Strong Administration Organ Sees Downfall of House Divided Against Itself and Declares Result Should Hearten Democrats. Clapp Won't Predict Roosevelt's Election.

Washington, Sept. 4.—President Taft is laid up at the White House tonight with a sprained ankle and a touch of gout, is reported to have confided to his friends that he considers yesterday's result in Vermont "encouraging." He is apparently the only administration man here who takes that view.

The Washington Star, a strong administration paper, says in its leading editorial this afternoon: "The Vermont figures speak for themselves and tell a very plain story. A house divided against itself cannot stand. The result cannot but hearten the Democrats everywhere. In States where the Democrats are not now together, they will get together, and where together they will work with the greater energy and success. Will men who still call themselves Republicans and yet feel unfriendly to Mr. Taft continue in a course certain, if pursued to the end, to bring in Mr. Wilson and a Congress Democratic in both branches? In States where the two old parties are on something like even terms, such a division as has just been shown in Vermont will give the Democrats an easy thing."

Senator Clapp, of Minnesota, a Bull Moose leader just back from Vermont, after making speeches there for Roosevelt, expressed great pleasure over the result in that State, but refused to predict the election of Roosevelt in November.

Senator Bourne, of Oregon, who refused to bolt with Roosevelt, at Chicago and whom the former President last Monday mentioned as being one of the only two members of Congress who ever approached him in behalf of the Standard Oil Company, today announces that he will support Roosevelt for President. It looks like a case of "Don't say any more and I'll be good."

### BOYS TOO YOUNG, RULES JUDGE

Orangeburg Lads Charged With Burning School House, Released.

Orangeburg, September 1.—Barnwell Gross and Ransom Moore, 9 and 10 years old, respectively, against whom the grand jury of this county found a true bill for the burning of the school house at Holly Hill were released this morning by Judge Rice, who is presiding over the Court of General Sessions. The case of the State was based upon an alleged confession made by the boys, and upon finding this, the court ruled that they were too young to be responsible for a confession, and for the same to stand.

It is said that the two boys became tired of going to school, and decided that the best way of getting out of the difficulty was to fire the school house.

### TARIFF EXHIBIT TO OPEN.

Gov. Wilson to Make Opening Speech at New York, Sept. 9.

New York, Sept. 4.—Governor Wilson is going to open the Tariff exhibit which is located at 29 Union Square West, New York City, on the 9th of September.

The Tariff Exhibits, which is under the management of the Wilson League of Independent Voters, promises to be one of the most unique and at the same time instructive, campaign arguments of the 1912 election.

Governor Wilson will make the opening speech and, of course, will devote his remarks to the tariff.

and the following results announced. At the Lamar poll it was found that 57 names appeared on the poll list that were not on the club list, and one name appeared on the poll list in two places. At Philadelphia there were six names on the poll list that were not on the club list. At Hartsville, there were six on the poll list that were not on the club list, one name was found on the poll list twice, and one was on this poll list that voted also at Leavenworth. At Leavenworth there was one name entered on the club list during the progress of the election with the understanding that he was not to vote until the second primary, but the poll list shows that later he returned and did vote in the primary just held.

## PROBE ELECTION FRAUDS.

### INQUIRY ORDERED BY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Election Result Not Yet Declared—Means No Voting in Second Race for Attorney General Tuesday as Expected—Senatorial Contest Held up for Present.

Columbia, Sept. 5.—The charges of fraud in connection with the recent primary election will be rigidly probed by a special committee of seven which was appointed yesterday by chairman of the State executive committee of the Democratic party and which will meet next Wednesday. The resolution was introduced by Richard I. Manning of Sumter and was generally discussed by the members of the committee. The resolution was adopted late yesterday. The committee held two sessions and adjourned last night to meet again at the call of the chairman.

The following is the Manning resolution which was adopted by the committee:

"Whereas notices of protest have been filed with this committee charging among other things widespread frauds and irregularities, and

"Whereas, under a former resolution passed by this committee certain investigations are being made as to the conduct of the election held August 27, 1912, and full reports have not yet been made as to the conduct of the election held August 27, 1912, and in some counties the investigations have not been completed;

"Therefore, be it resolved, That a subcommittee of seven members of this committee be appointed by the chairman to hear and pass upon all contests and all matters of every kind and description properly the subject of action by this committee as a whole, pertaining to or incident to the election held August 27, 1912, with full power and authority to take testimony and make full investigation of the conduct of said election and report the same together with all testimony and all records back to this committee for action at a meeting to be called by the chairman for that purpose.

"That the said subcommittee be and is hereby given power and authority to employ at the expense of this committee such assistance as may be deemed advisable to further the said investigation and shall have full power and authority to summons witnesses, require the production of records and papers and do any and all other acts necessary to the full and complete investigation of the conduct of said election, as has this committee as a whole.

"The actual necessary expenses of the said committee shall be borne by the treasury of this committee."

The following are the members of the subcommittee as named by John Gary Evans, the chairman: W. F. Stevenson, Chesterfield, chairman; T. B. Butler, Cherokee; J. B. Park, Greenwood; W. B. Wilson, Jr., York; J. D. Bivens, Dorchester; J. M. Greer, Union, and R. M. Jeffries, Jasper.

The passage of the Manning resolution means that the second primary for State offices will not be held next Tuesday. The matter of the second primary in the counties will be left with the county executive committees.

Attorneys representing Ira B. Jones yesterday filed an amended protest charging illegal voting and fraud in every county in the State.

A resolution introduced by E. S. Blease to provide a committee of five to assist the secretary of the committee in preparing and tabulating the returns of the primary election was killed by a vote of 33 to 7. The committee by a vote of 24 to 16 voted down the resolution of Mr. Blease to have the chairman appoint three Blease supporters and three Jones supporters on the committee under the Manning resolution. Chairman Evans in discussing this resolution said that he presumed that every man on the committee was honest and that he would make the appointments regardless of whether they were Jones or Blease supporters.

The protests of W. J. Talbert and N. B. Dial, candidates for the United States senate, against the election of Senator B. R. Tillman on the grounds that he had not properly filed his expense account were read before the committee by the secretary. A decision will be given in the future by the committee.

Richard I. Manning, following the adoption of his resolution, requested that he be not appointed as a member of the committee. The request was granted.

## FARMERS' UNION MEETS.

### EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING BEGINS AT CHATTANOOGA.

Debate Involving Policy of Democratic House Brings Out Some Rather Severe Criticisms.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 3.—The eighth annual convention of the Farmers' union convened here today. About 600 delegates are in attendance, representing every State west of the Ohio and south of the Tennessee river. Addresses of welcome by the mayor, the State president, Rhodes, and responses and addresses by delegates featured the opening session.

During the session of the officers' report, an afternoon in an executive session, a heated debate followed over the attitude of the various party national platforms and branches of the federal government towards the farmers with respect to parcels post, anti-gambling legislation, restriction of undesirable immigration, more liberal appropriations for agricultural purposes, the re-establishment of the country life commission, the introduction of some rural credit system and the threat of a division of markets.

During the discussion of the need of developing the science of marketing and the failure of congress to respond to legislative demands of the farmers for this and other legislation, the question of the leaders and membership taking some such hand in practical politics as that taken by the American Federation of Labor and previous farmers' organizations became a very lively topic.

Col. R. F. Duckworth of Union City, Ga., editor of The Farmers' Union News and former national president of the union, denounced the economy of the present Democratic house in dealing with the farmers and its refusal to join the senate in establishing a division that would speed up the marketing process and bring about a closer relationship between the producer and the consumer.

The colonel finished his argument with the statement:

"Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia put through the Republican senate three times a bill this last session for the establishment of a bureau of markets only to have it turned down each time by the Democratic house. Do not misunderstand me. I have always been a Democrat, but at the masthead of our individual and collective activities should be nailed the welfare of the farmers and the principles of this organization, first, last and always."

### CRUSHED BY MOVING TRAIN.

Clyde Quattlebaum of Chaplins Was Run Over Thursday.

Columbia, Sept. 5.—While attempting to board a moving train at the union station this morning Clyde Quattlebaum of Chaplins was so severely injured that he has only a fighting chance to recover. Not securing a firm hold he was whirled beneath the moving wheels, his left arm and shoulder being so severely crushed that it was found necessary to amputate the arm at the shoulder when he was taken to the hospital.

From the statements of eye-witnesses, it seems that Mr. Quattlebaum and his wife were on their way to Jacksonville.

His fall happened just at the head of the fence and he fell with his shoulder and left arm beneath the wheels. His left shoulder and arm were so severely crushed that it was found necessary to amputate that member at the shoulder when he was taken to a local hospital.

Medical assistance was immediately given the wounded man and he was taken to the hospital. The attending physician said that Mr. Quattlebaum is severely injured, but has a fighting chance to recover.

### Said Flag Was Green.

Boston, Sept. 4.—A man who declared the American flag was green, white and blue and insisted that Theodore Roosevelt was a select man of the town of Dedham, failed to get his citizenship papers today.

### Marriage License Record.

A license to marry was granted to Alvin L. Gregg, Concord, and Hattie J. Davis, Sumter, colored, Tuesday.

The cotton crop has been severely injured by the hot weather of the past week and the government's condition report issued Tuesday is not now a fair estimate of the actual condition of cotton.